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## Beach exempt in Brigantine smoking ban ordinance

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BRIGANTINE—The day after municipal elections, members of Brigantine City Council passed an often debated ordinance, 15-2014, that bans smoking on municipal property. Notably, the golf course and beaches were exempted.

Residents attending this and previous meetings have generally expressed support for the restriction. Charlie Miller, chairman of the Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse, gave a statement in support of the ban.

He noted that council had previously decided to “educate not legislate” a solution. He commended council for being proactive in “protecting our community and visitors ... from the adverse health effects of secondhand smoke.”

Miller, who has experience with the group Clean Communities, cited the preponderance of cigarette butts as the leading type of beach litter.

Miller suggested that the city develop a simple survey, to be conducted at the time of beach badge purchase, that would ask the purchaser the following questions: Do you think smoking should be restricted on the beach? If yes, what should the restriction be? 1. Ban smoking on all beaches; 2. Allow smoking on selected beaches; or 3. Other (Describe).

The mayor and some of the members of council said this was appropriate and would be developed for spring.

The ordinance was passed with Councilman DeLucry and Kern voting no. DeLucry has been consistent in his stance that the ordinance cannot be effectively enforced.

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The next City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 in council chambers at City Hall. The agenda and supporting documents are available online at [www.bb-nj.com](http://www.bb-nj.com). The meeting can viewed on Comcast Community Channel 97 or streamed on the city website.

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<http://www.shorenwstoday.com/snt/news/index.php/brigantine/news/59038-council-approves-smoking-restriction.html>